GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MEDICAL FACILITIES TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken by the Government hospitals including AIIMS regarding medical support to senior citizens;

(b) the number of beds reserved specially for senior citizens for their indoor treatment in each Government hospital including AIIMS;

(c) measures taken to ensure preferential treatment to the senior citizens by the doctors in OPDs; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to make it mandatory for private hospitals to give preference in medical support to the senior citizens?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): Government hospitals have usually separate registration counters for senior citizens so as to avoid their standing in long queues for registration.Further assistance like wheel chairs/trolley etc. are also provided.In some hospitals' OPD, there is separate room for senior citizens and status of being senior citizen is written on OPD card so as to facilitate Doctors provide preference to them.In the AIIMS,a special clinic for the care of senior citizens patients is being run under Department of Medicine for management of various ailments.Similarly, in Lady Hardinge Medical College and Smt. S.K. Hospital, a separate Geriatic clinic is run for senior citizens.In some Government hospitals beds are reserved for senior citizens while in other Government hospitals they are given preference in admission.

(d) No such proposal is for the time being under consideration of the Government.